



June 19, 2020

**Subject: L.W. Clapp Memorial Park Master Plan Recommendations-
Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board**


Dear Mr. Houtman:

Thanks to you, your staff and consultants for the tour of Clapp Park on June 8, 2020 during the Wichita Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board June meeting. The purpose of the tour was to receive comments from board members and the public for the purpose of developing recommendations to the City of Wichita regarding the L.W. Clapp Memorial Park Master Plan relating to biking and walking in the park. A survey was developed from the input received after the tour and was administered to the board membership. As per your request the WBPAB is providing you with our recommendations. The overall sentiment of the board was to enhance pedestrian and bicycling experience within the park by keeping its natural characteristics and improving access to the park. The following are the prioritized results of that survey. NOTE: Items 6-12 below all received the same number of responses:

1. Improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the park from all adjacent streets and provide a connection to the park from the Mt. Vernon Street bikeway.
2. Maintain the natural feeling of the park including Dry Creek and existing trees.
3. Install drinking water fountains
4. Provide bathrooms
5. Address trash and debris in Dry Creek with some type of filtering system while keeping Dry Creek as natural as possible.
6. Maintain current sidewalk (hard surface) system and possibly widen paths or add paths for multi-use pathways (bicycles, pedestrians, skateboarding)
7. Plant trees along walking and biking paths
8. Create a balance between active and passive use of park (no ball fields)
9. Install an environmental waste management system for dog waste, dog waste stations.
10. Add benches and picnic tables
11. Address Dry Creek erosion
12. Initiate needed Dry Creek bridge repairs

The board would be happy to provide further information, please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

For the board,



Jack Brown, Chair, WBPAB

Cc: Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Scott Wadle

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